

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the previous Abstract, and insert the following new Abstract:

A quality control material is provided. The quality control material is characterized as having one or more substances that mimic two or more analytes in a sample. The sample maybe selected from the group including plasma, serum, synovial fluid, cerebrospinal fluid, urine, mucus, lymphatic fluid, feces, semen, milk, cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt, ice cream, wine, beverages, semi-solid foods, soft solid foods, and any combination thereof. Preferably, the quality control material is not supplemented with bilirubin.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, to read as shown below:

This application is a continuation-in-part of US serial number 09/147,373, filed June 12, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,372,503, which claims priority from PCT/CA97/00418 (designating the U.S.), filed June 12, 1997, which claims priority from GB serial number 9612264.3, filed June 12, 1996.